

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2015: Master of science in Political Science - Department of Sociology and Political Science – NTNU, Trondheim

Professional experience:

2015 - 2018 Research assistant, Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research
2018 - 2019 Researcher III, Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research
2019 - Researcher III/Phd-student – Institute for Rural and Regional Research

Bio:

Renate Marie Butli Hårstad is a PhD candidate in political science at Ruralis and NTNU. Her research focuses on the development of farm animal welfare concepts in society and their influence on agricultural policy and public trust in good farm animal welfare. Hårstad holds a master's degree in political science from NTNU. Hårstad has skills in both qualitative and quantitative data collection, transcription, analysis (STATA), dissemination, interviews and observational studies. She has recently been involved in projects on animal welfare, agricultural policy in Norway and the EU, extension and knowledge systems in agriculture, climate change, rural development, cultural landscapes, technology and change processes in agriculture.

During her academic career, Hårstad has participated in several research projects, including in the "AgriLink" project, which aims to promote innovation by connecting farmers, advisors and researchers (2017-2021). As a PhD student, she participated in the GoodAnimal project, which explores animal welfare for a sustainable future (2019-2023) and served as the basis for her dissertation. She is currently part of the WELFARM project, which focuses on improving animal welfare compliance in dairy and pig farming (2023-2026), and the Karbonmat project, which aims to develop sustainable business models for carbon sequestration in soils to transform the Norwegian food system (2023-2026).

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Recent research projects:

KARBONMAT: Designing sustainable business model (SBM) concepts for carbon sequestration in soils to transform the Norwegian food system. 2023-2026

WELFARM. Improving animal welfare regulatory compliance in dairy and pig farming. 2023-2026

GoodAnimal: Animal Welfare for Sustainable Futures. Researcher Project – BIONÆR. 2019-2022

SmaT - Smart technology for sustainable agriculture. 2018-2021

AgriLink: Agricultural Knowledge: Linking Farmers, advisors and researchers to boost innovation. Horizon2020. 2017-2021

COOLCROWD: Local crowdfunding for a low-emission society: Investigating the concept of local climate crowdfunding for Norway. 2017- 2020

New approaches for management and breeding of dairy cows, in automatic milking systems (AMS). 2015-2019

Improving farmers' competence by more efficient interaction between farmer, advisory services and research (COMPETENT FARMER). 2015-2018.

Mulighetsstudie Ørland og Bjugn kommuner (Ørland og Bjugn kommuner 2015, prosjektleder Rambøll)

Agropro: Agronomy for increased food production. Challenges and solutions. 2013 – 2017

Publications:

Journal papers:

Hårstad, R. M. B. (2025). Understanding politicisation of farm animal welfare through stability and change in public trust. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 114, 103557.

Hårstad, R. M. B. (2023). The politics of animal welfare: A scoping review of farm animal welfare governance. *Review of Policy Research*.

Hårstad, R. M., & Vik, J. (2023). Political parties' framing of farm animal welfare: A fragmented picture. *European Policy Analysis*, 9(1), 30-47.

Farstad, M., & Butli Hårstad, R. M. (2022). Crowdfunding of GHG mitigation measures in agriculture: A feasible contribution to the climate challenges? Sociocultural constraints and enablers in Norway. *Geografisk Tidsskrift-Danish Journal of Geography*, 122(2), 117-128.

Gunn-Turid Kvam, Renate Marie Butli Hårstad & Egil Petter Stræte (2022) The role of farmers' microAKIS at different stages of uptake of digital technology, *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, DOI: 10.1080/1389224X.2022.2046617

Klerkx, Laurens, Egil Petter Stræte, Gunn-Turid Kvam, Eystein Ystad & Renate Marie Butli Hårstad (2017): Achieving best-fit configurations through advisory subsystems in AKIS: case studies of advisory service provisioning for diverse types of farmers in Norway, *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, DOI: 10.1080/1389224X.2017.1320640

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Conference paper:

- Vik, J. & Hårstad, Renate M.B. (2024). A post-exceptional farm animal welfare discourse? Analyzing hearing responses on a new animal welfare white paper. National conference of Political Science. University of Stavanger, Stavanger, 08.-10.01.24.
- Hårstad, Renate M.B. (2023). The politicization of animal welfare: Polarization and trust in the Norwegian public. ECPR General conference. Prague, Czechia, 04.-08.09.23
- Vik, J., Borgen, S.O. & Hårstad, R.M. Butli (2023). Animal welfare regimes in transition – the Norwegian case. Animal welfare regimes in transition – the Norwegian case. National conference of Political Science. Agder University, Kristiansand, 09.-11.01.23.
- Hårstad, Renate M.B. & Jostein Vik (2015). Neoproduktivism and political parties in the European Parliament. XXVI ESRS Congress. Aberdeen, Scotland, 18.-21.08.15

Reports:

- Vik, J., Stræte, E. P., Søraa, R. A., Finstad, T., Melås, A. M., Gjefsen, M. D., ... & Hårstad, R. M. B. (2021). Smart teknologi for et bærekraftig landbruk. R-9/21. Trondheim: Ruralis – Institutt for rural og regionalforskning
- Vik, J., Melås, A., Hårstad, R.M.B., Stræte, E.P. and Langørgen, O.R. (2020). Smart teknologi i landbruket – kartlegging og modenhetsvurdering. Report 1/20. Trondheim: Ruralis – Institutt for rural og regionalforskning
- Hårstad, R. M. B. (2019). Bonden, familien og melkeroboten–en ny hverdag. Report 1/19. Trondheim: Ruralis – Institutt for rural- og regionalforskning
- Stræte, E.P., Hårstad, R.M.B., Kvam, G.T., Ystad, E., Mørch, A., Klev, R. og Haugum, M. (2018). Kompetanse og rådgiving i jordbruket: Kunnskapsoversikt, aktuelle problemstillinger og analytiske perspektiver for studier av bønders kompetanse som samspill mellom bønder, rådgiving og forskning. Report 2/18. Trondheim: Ruralis – Institutt for rural- og regionalforskning
- Hårstad, Renate Marie Butli (2018). Socio-cultural factors: Opportunities and challenges for crowdfunding of climate measures in Norwegian agriculture. Notat-1/18: Ruralis – Institutt for rural- og regionalforskning
- Hiorth, G., K. Sandvik, M. Villa & R. M. B. Hårstad (2015). Mulighetsstudie Bjugn og Ørland kommuner. Progress report. Trondheim: Rambøll
- Hårstad, Renate M.B. (2015). Nyproduktivism i det norske politiske landskap: En case-studie av nyproduktivistiske ideer i politiske partier og norsk landbrukspolitikk. BF-Report 5/2015. Trondheim: Centre for Rural Research

Other publications:

- Bjørkhaug, H., Hårstad, R.M. & Borgen, S.O. (2021). Hvem stoler vi på at forteller sannheten om dyrevelferd i norsk husdyrproduksjon? Newspaper article. Forskning.no 16.06.21. URL: <https://forskersonen.no/dyrevelferd-kronikk-mat-og-helse/dyrevernskandaler-hvem-stoler-vi-pa-at-forteller-sannheten-om-dyrevelferd-i-norsk-husdyrproduksjon/1875010>
- Hårstad, Renate Marie Butli (2020). «Et spørsmål om tillit». Newspaper article. Nationen 13.05.20. URL: <https://www.nationen.no/motkultur/faglig-snakka/et-sporsmal-om-tillit/>

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Hårstad, Renate Marie Butli (2019). «Ingen har lov til å spise hverandre». Newspaper article. Nationen 20.02.19. URL: <https://www.nationen.no/motkultur/faglig-snakka/ingen-har-lov-til-a-spise-hverandre/>

Hårstad, Renate Marie Butli (2017). «Partiene og landbrukspolitikken». Poster presented on AGROPRO – final conference: Agronomy for increased food production, Oslo, June 21.-22.

Hårstad, Renate M.B. (2016). Styring eller status quo i landbrukspolitikken. Newspaper article. Aftenposten 16.02.16. URL: <https://www.aftenposten.no/meninger/debatt/i/V966/Styring-eller-status-quo-i-landsbrukspolitikken--Renate-Marie-Butli-Harstad>

Hårstad, Renate M.B. (2017). Farvel til økt matproduksjon? Newspaper article. Nationen 02.09.17. URL: <http://www.nationen.no/article/farvel-til-okt-matproduksjon/>

Lectures ++

Lecture about Digital Agriculture, KULT1101. NTNU, Trondheim. 07.11.18

External examiner, POL3526 Comparative Public Policy and Administration, Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, 2023

External examiner, POL3525 The Management and Political Economy of Natural Resources, Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, 2024